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Dear Harold,

Sorry about the delay in writing you, but unusually busy. As soon as finals hit, I got my edited MS back from the publisher, and had to read it, etc. So, until now I've been pretty busy. Now I'm submerged in my thesis, but I enjoy that much more than what I've been doing the past couple semesters.

The editing was generally good. Nothing of substance was taken out, just gramatical, style changes. The editor did make a few suggestions that I had to veto, like adding a paragraph to my intro saying that perhaps gov't commissions should be staffed by academicians and scholars instead of lawyers, as a guarantee of honesty.

I have some things to ask of you. The editor has suggested something of a brief afterword relating Watergate and governmental cover-up/deceit to Warren Commission. I've had this in mind for some time, to say that had the institutions which are supposed to protect society from such abuses functioned at the time, we might have been spared today's excesses. I'd like to work the stuff on Ford and Jaworski into this, and there are two things I need. First, do you have an extra copy of Sylvia's article on the Texas Commission and Jaworski, or a copy I could borrow? Second, I'll need documentation that the exec. ses. at the beginning of Ford's book is classified, so would you mind if I cited your correspondence with Archives? If this is OK with you, I'll need the dates of one or two letters in which the A denied this to you, preferably one in which they identify this as having been used by Ford (I seem to recollect a letter to that effect, or perhaps one stating that Ford had never been given permission to use it). If I could have the date and possibly a summary, it would be very helpful.

I have not forgotten your request on Caddy clips. Will check when I get to my files at home, probably in a few days.

Give my best to Lil, and to both of you, a happy New Year.

Edward

P.S.-I'm sending the carbon because my ribbon is just about unreadable.